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THE HOME FOOD PRESERVATION fact sheet mentioned last week is now off the press and copies can be obtained from the Office of Information. This information piece, "Home Food Preservation Program for 1946," calls back into action "The 25 million housewives who put up more than 4 billion jars of food in one war year." It asks for millions of new recruits to reach this year's goal and help the world food situation. "Food insurance", "sound national policy", and "sound household economics", are spoken of as synonymous with "home food preservation".

This 4-page fact sheet, planned to help launch the 1946 Home Food Preservation Program, includes suggestions for organization and leadership, community activities, themes and appeals, facts about supplies and equipment, and a list of appropriate USDA bulletins, posters, and motion pictures.

Means suggested for making effective the Department's Victory Garden and home food preservation programs this year include:

- Growing and conserving food to assure plentiful home food supply and to help family budget, as well as to help world food situation;
- Lateness of the spring season this year accompanied by abundant rains and cool weather favors later planting of gardens;
- Many good root crops should be planted now;
- Enlist the cooperation of department stores, utility companies, and other commercial firms reaching city people, to promote the campaign;
- Prepare and distribute a list showing first and second best ways of preserving various foods;
- Call upon all USDA agencies reaching the people to stress growing and preserving food;
- Devise better means for distributing abundant foods to those willing to preserve them if prices are reasonable.

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PRODUCTION ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEES AGAIN. . . . Secretary Anderson has asked that State Production Adjustment Committees be reconstituted this year as in war years. Need is still felt for the research background and the recommendations on production goals such Committees have furnished. State USDA Councils are requested to review the reports of the Committees which are due in Washington by September 3 (see USDA Council Memo. 5, dated May 31). BAE is being asked to assist the Committees in their work and in the preparation of a national summary of their reports needed for administrative use by September 20.

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4-H CLUB BOYS AND GIRLS from 44 States and Puerto Rico are expected at the 16th National 4-H Club Camp in Washington June 11-18. Hawaii will have two representatives at the camp to attend the leaders conferences--its extension editor and home management specialist.

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AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS. . . . May 29, the House Flood Control Committee reported the omnibus flood control bill of 1946; the House Expenditures in the Executive Departments committee reported the Manasco bill to provide substantive authority for administrative-expense provisions now carried in the Independent Offices Act. The Senate received the nomination of I. W. Duggan to be Governor of FCA. The Senate Wool Committee reported a bill to provide for price supports, standards work, research, etc., regarding wool. The Senate Public Lands and Surveys Committee reported a bill to promote development of minerals on federal lands. May 31, the Senate Congressional Re-organization Committee reported the La Follette bill with amendments.

June 1, the Senate passed the 1947 Agricultural appropriation bill; agreed to an amendment to exempt from the new pay law personnel increases needed for projects authorized by this bill. The Senate passed a bill giving Federal Works Agency additional powers over buildings and grounds and authorizing additional building construction. June 3, the House sent the Agricultural appropriation bill to conference. The House passed the Manasco bill reported on May 29. The Senate passed a measure extending the time during which alcohol plants may produce sugars or syrups. June 4, the Senate debated selective service induction; agreed to amendments authorizing induction of veterans and authorizing deferment of scientific and engineering students and workers. Senator Capper inserted Farm Bureau statement urging removal of consumer subsidies by the end of the year, removal of price ceilings as supply reaches demand, and transfer of price functions on agricultural commodities to USDA; the President approved the school lunch bill. June 5, the Senate passed the selective service extension bill; the Senate began debate on the La Follette Congressional re-organization bill. The House agreed to Senate amendments on the bill to give FWA additional powers over buildings and grounds (ready for the President).

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POTATO AVALANCHE ON THE MOVE. . . . The May 29 shipment of 2,046 cars of early potatoes topped the previous all-time record of 18 years ago (May 15, 1928) by more than 500 carloads. A total of 10,305 cars were shipped during the week ending June 1 of this year. This record movement of potatoes should assure an abundant supply in most parts of the country by the time you read this. Potatoes are a good substitute for bread, even for breakfast.

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COTTON PLATTERS. . . . Five platters for use in the 1946 cotton program have just been sent to extension editors in the cotton States this week together with copies of the script. Here are the subjects: No. 1--A Changing Southern Agriculture; No. 2--Research Gets Results; No. 3--Cotton Markets Lead to What-?; No. 4--Grow Good Cotton Cheaply; No. 5--From the Boll to the Bale.

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WHY FRET ABOUT MEAT eat FISH, would be the advice of PMA folk concerned that record stocks of frozen fish and the abundant spring catch be utilized fully. Fish, they say, should be pushed as well as potatoes.

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SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM HERE TO STAY. . . . President Truman assured the permanency of the school-lunch program when he signed on June 4 the School-Lunch Act. Under this Act, Congress will determine each year the amount to appropriate to the Secretary of Agriculture for supplying agricultural commodities and other foods for the school-lunch program.

In signing the School-Lunch Act, the President said: "Today, as I sign the National School Lunch Act, I feel that the Congress has acted with great wisdom in providing the basis for strengthening the nation through better nutrition for our school children...In the long view, no nation is any healthier than its children or more prosperous than its farmers; and in the National School Lunch Act, the Congress has contributed immeasurably both to the welfare of our farmers and the health of our children...I hope that all State and local authorities will cooperate fully with the United States Department of Agriculture in establishing the cooperative school lunch in every possible community."

Some provisions of the act are: Not less than 75% of the funds allowed for foods must be apportioned among the States. . . . Ten million dollars of the funds appropriated to the Secretary each year may be used for non-food assistance. . . . administrative expenses must not exceed $3\frac{1}{2}$ percent. States are to match funds on the basis of \$1 for \$1 during the fiscal year 1947 through 1950, \$1 for \$1.50 from 1951 through 1955, and \$1 for \$3 thereafter.

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SHERMAN BRISCOE, of the Office of Information, has been given the 1945 award of the Capital Press Club, Washington Negro organization of newsmen and writers, for outstanding work in news reporting. The award was based on his article, "Schoolmarm Turns Dairymaid--and Succeeds," which appeared in the February 1945 issue of Newspic. The judges were Tom Stokes and Ernest Lindley, of the United Press, and I. F. Stone of PM's Washington office.

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RADIO SCHEDULE, JUNE 15. . . . CONSUMER TIME, NBC, 12:15 p.m., EST. A program on industrial feeding. This is the 13th anniversary of Consumer Time and announcement will be made of this fact.

AMERICAN FARMER, ABC, 12:30 p.m., EST, originates at the National 4-H Club Camp in Washington with delegates speaking. The weekly news roundup for farmers on the business side of farming will be heard as usual.

NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR, NBC, 1:00 p.m., EST, also originates at the 4-H Club Camp with some of the boys and girls speaking. "Department of Agriculture Headlines" as usual.

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FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. . . . The Department's Committee on Foreign Relations was reconstituted by Secretary's Memo. 1099, Rev. 3, dated June 3. The Committee is now as follows:

H. B. Boyd	Robert H. Shields
P. V. Cardon	Lyle F. Watts
D. A. FitzGerald	O. V. Wells
W. Carroll Hunter	L. A. Wheeler (Chairman)
W. A. Minor	Robert B. Schwenger (Executive Secretary)

The Functions of this Committee are (1) to advise the Secretary on agricultural matters within the scope of the Executive Committee on Economic Foreign Policy, established by the President and (2) to recommend to the Secretary the position to be taken by USDA on questions "arising in connection with international organizations or international negotiations, arrangements, or agreements in which the Department has an interest."

Each member of the Committee is instructed to name an alternate who, in addition to attending meetings of the Committee when necessary, will serve in a liaison capacity with the Executive Secretary of the Committee, to keep his agency in touch with current developments in the foreign relations field.

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SOME USDA RELEASES. . . . Bonus grain purchases total 114,776,138 bu. of wheat and corn--1179; M. H. Brightman resigns as assistant director of PMA's Dairy Branch--1183; USDA to study effect of atomic bombing on seeds, molds, plant and animal diseases, and insects--1182; Increased grain allocation for alcohol doubtful--1187; USDA extends dried egg purchases--1188; Operations of the Copra Export Management Co. to rehabilitate the war-devastated copra industry in the Philippines to be terminated June 30--1189; Midwest farmers, elevator operators cooperate in voluntary program to ship feed grains to feed-short areas in the Northeast and Northwest--1194; USDA will loan wheat to mills in consumer hardship cases--1206; E. J. Cronkhite of PMA to administer meat set aside orders--1204; Adjustments in WFO 75.2 made to facilitate procurement of beef for foreign relief and make slaughterers requirements more specific--1203; Cattle and calf slaughter quotas decreased from 100 to 85%--1214; Evaporated milk set aside announced--1212; Combined Food Board invites 18 nations to join in forming International Emergency Food Council and to send representatives to a June 20 meeting in Washington--1213 "The Amazing Interlude," address of Secretary Anderson at Rotary convention in Atlantic City, June 5--1207; Famine Emergency Committee calls for consumer cooperation with wheat program, the full effect of which will be felt by consumers in June and July--1232.

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LATEST RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS reported by ARA are described in easily-understood, non-technical Research Achievement Sheets as follows: R. A. S. 56--Research cuts losses of sugar in harvested sugarcane; No. 57--Hot-water treatment of sugarcane stimulates plants and controls pests; No. 58--Fall planting of sugarcane increases sugar production; No. 59-- Sugar cane industry restored by disease research and breeding; No. 60--Research saves valuable shade trees. Copies of these reports may be obtained from ARA.

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